

POLICY: PRF SOYBEAN ELITE TRIALS

The Board of the Protein Research Foundation (PRF) resolves:

1. That all international and local institutions/seed companies may enter new cultivars/non-segregating lines for evaluation by the PRF
2. That a maximum of eight (8) institutions will be allowed to offer at most ten (10) entries per institution
3. That the entries will be planted in cycles of three (3) years at five (5) venues for evaluation in the most important climate zones currently used for soybean production
4. That, following a cycle of three (3) years, institutions may apply to enter a new set of ten (10) entries for planting and evaluation during a new cycle of three (3) years
5. That, during the growing season, the agreed number of agronomic and morphological measures/readings will be taken per entry per venue to be made available with the measured grain yield to each specific institution for perusal and individual use. The Board stipulated that all information will be regarded as confidential, at all times
6. That each institution must decide whether or not it wishes to enter some or all the entries for evaluation in the National Cultivar Evaluation Programme. The PRF Board stipulates that the PRF could assist with this evaluation process.
7. That each institution must decide whether it wishes to register its material for marketing in South Africa. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries handles and controls the process (according to the so-called DUS test). The PRF Board confirms that the PRF is not involved in this process and that each institution must appoint its own agent to handle the process in South Africa.

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